



# Federal Taxpayer Receipt

How your tax dollars are spent in Washington

**Based on \$50,000 Income**

Program	Price
Social Security	\$1,751
Defense	1,424
Medicaid and health programs (National Institutes of Health)	1,355
Medicare	1,164
Low-income assistance programs (housing, food stamps)	960
Net interest payment on the federal debt	638
Veterans benefits	257
Education	206
Law enforcement and homeland security (FBI)	204
Transportation	185
Unemployment benefits	132
Federal employee management	81
Foreign assistance	68
Farm subsidies	62
Science and technology	57
Natural resources and the environment (National Parks)	45
Pollution control programs (EPA)	40
Air transportation (FAA)	39
Treasury operations (IRS)	38
Community Development Block Grants	29
Energy funding (Strategic Petroleum Reserve)	29
Disaster relief and insurance (FEMA)	23
Diplomacy and embassies	23
Maritime programs (Coast Guard)	18
Legislative branch (Congress)	7
Postal Service	2
Executive Office of the President	1

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<b>FINAL TOTAL: \$8,838</b>	
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<b>Total federal debt (as of 1/1/2012):</b>	<b>\$15,222,940,045,451</b>
<b>Your share of the federal debt:</b>	<b>\$50,958</b>
<b>Increase in your share of the federal debt:</b>	<b>+\$2,576</b>
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Sources:  
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\*Senator Brown’s office estimated the totals.